Division of Jammu and Kashmir

†808. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering for division of the State of Jammu and Kashmir on the demand of various religious Organisations like Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to pose threat perception to the national security; and

(c) if so, details of steps to be taken by Governmnet in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No proposal for division of the State of Jammu and Kashmir is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Mukherjee Commission on Netaji's disappearance

809. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Government set up the Mukherjee commission to conduct inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

(b) the deadline within which the Commission was required to submit its report;

(c) whether the deadline is over and if so, whether the tenure of the Commission has been extended;

(d) the present status of the Commission's work and by when it is expected to its report; and

(e) whether some fresh clues in the matter as mentioned in the 'Asian Age' of 11th June, 2002 have been referred to the Commission for consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Commission

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was set up on 14.5.1999 and was required to submit its report as soon as possible, but not later than 14.11.99. The tenure of the Commission was extended from time to time and is, at present, upto 14.5.2003.

(d) and (e) The Commission has already held16 sittings at different places. 65 Affidavits have been field and 83 witnesses have been examined so far. It is also examining a large number of articles and documents, allegedly belonging to one "Gumanami Baba" referred to in the "Asian Age" of June 11, 2002. The Commission is required to submit its report to the Central Government as soon as possible but not later than the 14th May, 2003.

Condition of Kashmir Pandits living in camps

†810. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that millions of Kashmiri Pandits have been staying at refugee camps at Jammu and elsewhere in pathetic condition after abandoning their homes in 1990;

(b) if so, whether they are falling prey to the number of diseases;

(c) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to increase in their death rate and decline in birth rate in these camps; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps Government have taken in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) There are 56246 Kashmiri migrant families of which 34305 families are staying in Jammu, 19338 families in Delhi and 2603 families in other States. Of these, 238 migrant families are living in14 camps in Delhi and 4778 families in 12 camps in Jammu. Others are living under their own arrangements. As reported by State Government the condition in the migrant camps is satisfactory. All facilities including water, electricity, health, schools education and sanitation are being provided to the migrants putting up in the camps. In addition relief as per norms approved by the State Government or Union Territory is also being provided.

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